(Rs. in lakh)

Year	*Name of project*	*Amount sanctioned*	*Amount released*
1988-89	Construction of Tourist Complex at Pushkar	13.84	13.84
1990-91	Construction of Tourist Accommodation at Pushkar	7.10	7.10
1992-93	Construction of Public conveniences at Vishramsthali, Ajmer	8.48	3.53
1998-99	Integrated Development of place of pilgrimage, Pushkar Ghat	51.65	41.32
1998-99	Upgradation of Tourist Bungalow Khadim, Ajmer	5.00	4.00
2000-01	Construction of Shilpgram at Tourist Village Pushkar, Ajmer	13.74	13.74
2003-04	Purchage of Swiss Cottages, Deluxe Cottages and Luxury Cottage for Pushkar	100.00	90.00
2003-04	Integrated Development of Pushkar under Destination Development scheme: (1) Construction of dormitories for visitors at Mela Ground at Pushkar - Rs. 150.00 lakh (2) Construction of Stadium and Tent Platform at Pushkar - Rs. 74.48 lakh (3) Construction of Sulabh Sauchalaya at Mela Ground at Pushkar - Rs. 14.09 lakh (4) Development work at Pushkar Ghats - Rs. 261.43 lakh.	500.00	500.00
2003-04	Construction of Vishramsthali for Dargah Sharif at Ajmer	187.00	187.00
2003-04	Renovation of existing Vishramsthali at Pushkar Road in Ajmer	68.50	68.50

Report of the Task Force on floods

*367. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force set up by Government to look into the flood situation in the country has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The Government of India had set up a Task Force for Flood Management/Erosion control under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC to look into the problem of floods in Assam & neighbouring states, West Bengal, Bihar & Eastern Uttar Pradesh in August, 2004. The Task Force has submitted its report on 31.12.2004 to Ministry of Water Resources. The broad recommendations of the Task Force are as under:—

The Task Force has recommended expanding the role of the Central Government in the flood control sector. It has recommended that the flood control schemes should be funded through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the ratio of 90% Central and 10% State from the present 75:25. The Task Force has recommended that corpus for Centrally Sponsored Scheme also needs to be increased substantially to accommodate all critical flood management and critical anti-erosion works.

The Task Force has recommended schemes worth Rs. 316.14 crore as immediate measures to be taken before the coming flood season. The Schemes worth Rs. 2030.15 crore have been recommended during the remaining two years of the 10th Five Year Plan *i.e.* during the 2005-06 and 2006-07 under short term-I measures and Rs. 2635.81 crore have been estimated as requirment during the 11th Plan.

Task Force has recommended that the investment for plan/Flood Management may be increased from the existing half per cent of the total outlay to at least 1%.

It has recommended earmarking funds in the total State sector as Additional Central assistance for maintenance of embankments.

Eligibility criteria for Central funding is proposed to be reduced to Rs. 1 crore from the existing limit of Rs. 3 crore per scheme.

The Task Force has recommended creation of a revolving fund of say Rs. 50 crore which may be available annually to the Ministry of Water Resources to take up emergent flood management schemes. The normal

requirement of 'in principle' approval of Planning Commission is recommended to be waived in this particular case. The schemes under this fund could be implemented by the States/Board after inspection by CWC/Brahmaputra Board. The Task Force has further recommended that to mobilize resources for this revolving fund, a flood cess of say 1% to 2% could be levied on new infrastructures like roads, buildings, power plants etc. in the flood prone States.

The Task Force has recommended that the Central Government may consider funding the flood control component of the reservoir projects.

Under the institutional arrangements, the Task Force has recommended setting up of an Authority in the North East region with all the statutory powers. In the meantime it has recommended strengthening and restructuring of the Brahmaputra Board.

The Task Force has recommended establishment of Sikkim and North Bengal River Management Board as well as strengthening of the Ganga Flood Control Commission by addition of a Member (Works) and appropriate field formations for investigation and execution of critical flood management works.

The Task Force has recommended extension of jurisdiction of Farakka Barrage organization.

In order to have policy formulation and coordination among various agencies so recommended by the Task Force, it has also recommended strengthening of Flood Management Organizations of the Central Water Commission by re-starting the post of Member (Floods) abolished earlier and re-deployment of posts of Chief Engineer, two Directors and other lower level functionaries.

The Task Force has also recommended that the Brahmaputra Board and the proposed Sikkim and North Bengal River Management Board be entrusted the techno-economical examination of the schemes for submission to the Planning Commission for investment clearance.

The Task Force has also given due importance to the long-term measures by expediting the taking up of reservoir projects in the North-east as well as in Nepal and Bhutan.

The report of the Task Force has been circulated to the various Ministries/ Planning Commission and the concerned State Governments. The report of the Task Force is under consideration in the Ministry.

Registered companies under e-Governance project

†*368. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered companies in the country at present;

(b) whether all companies have been connected under e-governance project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the cost incurred in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) The number of registered companies in the country is 6,70,354 as on 31.3.2005.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to cover all the companies under the e-governance project.

(c) The Ministry of Company Affairs (MCA) has launched "MCA21 e-Governance Project" on 01.03.2005 with the signing of agreements with the selected operator M/s Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) led-consortium. The project envisages easy and secure online access to all MCA services including registration and filing throughout the country for all citizens, corporates and others at any time. The Programme is focused on improving the quality of services to various stakeholders. It is proposed to be undertaken at a total cost of Rs. 341.214 crore plus Rs. 4.68 crore permissible on account of change in the scope of software. The project is based on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model and has an implementation cycle of 60 weeks from the date of signing of the contract and thereafter an operation period of 6 years. It is expected that the online services of Registrar of Companies at Coimbatore and Delhi on pilot basis would commence from 41st week *i.e.* by December 2005 onwards and final rollout in all locations by May 2006, after necessary testing and certifications.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.